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TO: Distribution


FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Florida Space Day, March 5-6, 2013, Tallahassee, Florida

The Space Day Committee will host Florida Space Day in Tallahassee, Florida on March 5-6, 2013. Florida Space Day is an event meant to educate and bring awareness to state leaders on the significance of the aerospace industry and the challenges and opportunities associated therewith during this dynamic time in the space program. The event includes receptions on March 5 – 6, 2013, and lunch on March 5, 2013. Florida Space Day will be a widely attended gathering of approximately 100 guests including industry representatives, members of academia, state and local officials, NASA personnel, and other Federal officials. The cost of the meals provided is approximately \$60 per person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a “widely attended gathering” as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. This event will allow NASA employees the opportunity to educate others on the significance of the aerospace industry and NASA’s mission. I find that attendance will allow attendees to disseminate information on NASA’s ongoing activities and to discuss matters of mutual interest with a diverse group. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors may accept an invitation for complimentary attendance at the event.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsor, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel’s Office. NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which Executive Order 13490 requires the signing of an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation of free attendance to the event.


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